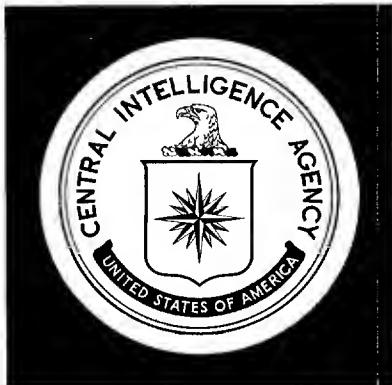


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CEYLON-USSR: Prime Minister Bandaranaike has decided not to implement for the foreseeable future the Ceylonese-Soviet fishing agreement signed last August.

Mrs. Bandaranaike has canceled the scheduled trip to Moscow of her minister of fisheries, who was to have worked out the details of the agreement. Mrs. Bandaranaike, who remained neutral in the Indo-Pakistan war, is reportedly unhappy with the USSR's strong support for India's position. She has also never accepted Moscow's assurances that it was not involved in the insurgency in Ceylon in April 1971. Along with several other cabinet members, she reluctantly approved the fishing agreement, but only after Ceylonese efforts to interest non-Communist countries in the project were unsuccessful.

The USSR had pushed for the agreement since late 1970, with substantial help from Colombo's pro-Soviet minister of fisheries. The agreement provided for Soviet training of Ceylonese fishermen, joint fishing operations from the port of Galle, and the delivery of Soviet fishing ships. In return, Ceylon was to have made facilities available to Soviet fishing ships in both Colombo and Galle.

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THAILAND: A small team of saboteurs attempted to attack several US B-52s in their revetments at Utapao Airbase, south of Bangkok, during the early morning hours of 10 January. Preliminary reports indicate limited damage to two engines of one bomber and explosions near two others. One of the saboteurs was killed by the base security force but the identity of the intruders is not yet certain. Similar attacks on US bases in northeastern Thailand have occurred in the past.

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